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## WALKER CONSECRATED

### LONG ISLAND BISHOP

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NEW YORK (DPS, Apr. 14) -- The Ven. Orris George Walker, Jr., was ordained and consecrated bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Long Island in a three-hour ceremony at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City on April 9. The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, was chief consecrator. Co-consecrators were bishops Robert C. Witcher of Long Island, Coleman McGehee of Michigan, Arthur B. Williams of Ohio, and the Most Rev. Orland U. Lindsay, Archbishop of the Anglican Province of the West Indies. Nine other Episcopal bishops took part in the service, including Bishop John T. Walker of Washington. The sermon was preached by Bishop Quintin E. Primo, Jr., retired suffragan of Chicago and a former rector of St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's parish in Detroit, a parish where Walker also served as rector. All clergy who were associated with Walker in his various parishes were invited to participate in his ordination.

Many other Episcopal clergy, and guests from other churches, were present at the Garden City ceremony, including Bishop John R. McGann of the Roman Catholic diocese of Rockville Centre.

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As coadjutor, Walker shares authority with Bishop Robert C. Witcher, who has been diocesan of Long Island since 1977. Upon Witcher's retirement, Walker will succeed him as head of the third largest diocese in the Episcopal Church. The diocese includes all of Long Island, with four archdeaconries corresponding to the four counties of Brooklyn (Kings), Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk. More than half of the population of New York City lives in the diocese of Long Island. Walker is one of eight active black bishops among the bishops of the 118 dioceses in the Episcopal Church and will be the first black bishop to head his diocese.

Walker sums up his vision of his ministry to the people of Long Island in this way:

"I have a vision of the Church as a multi-racial, multi-cultural community of faith that is committed to a ministry of reconciliation, compassion, and service. The affirmation and unity of all persons would be our goal. In the world, the Church would be working for freedom and peace with justice. In her worship, the Church would celebrate the gifts and resources given to us in order to accomplish this mission."

The new bishop was elected by clergy and lay delegates to the diocesan convention on Nov. 21, 1987. As required by the canons of the Church, the election was submitted to the standing committees and bishops of the other dioceses for approval. A majority gave consent.

Walker was born in Baltimore, Maryland, Nov. 5, 1942. He earned his B.A. degree from the University of Maryland, M. Div. from the General Theological Seminary, D. Min. from Drew University, and M.A. from the University of Windsor. He was ordained deacon in 1968 and priest in 1969. After serving in Baltimore and Kansas City, Walker moved to St. Matthew's and St. Joseph's Church in Detroit, where he became rector in 1972. Later he was named archdeacon of Region V of the diocese of Michigan. Walker has served the Church on many national boards, commissions, and agencies. He was deputy to five General Conventions, and a member of the Joint Nominating

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Committee for the Election of a Presiding Bishop (1982-85). He has been a member of the National Commission on Social and Specialized Ministries and of the Episcopal Commission for Black Ministries. He is a trustee of the General Theological Seminary in New York City.

In 1971 Walker married Norma McKinney Dixon. They have two children -- a son, Richard Anthony, and a daughter, Angela Louise. The Walkers will make their home in Garden City.

Since the Cathedral of the Incarnation seats only 570 people in the nave, many additional guests were seated in nearby Cathedral House. The entire service was taped for television and shown to these guests on closed-circuit TV. They received Communion from elements consecrated in the Cathedral. Just before the end of his solemn consecration ceremony, Bishop Walker left the Cathedral to bless his guests in Cathedral House.

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PICTURE CAPTION

WALKER CONSECRATED

LONG ISLAND BISHOP

(88067) -- Bishop Orris G. Walker, Jr., second from right, just after his ordination and consecration as bishop coadjutor of Long Island. Participating in the three-hour service were (far left) Bishop Robert C. Witcher, diocesan of Long Island, a co-consecrator; and Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, the chief consecrator. Roman Catholic Bishop John R. McGann, far right, of the diocese of Rockville Centre, was one of the many distinguished guests witnessing the consecration.

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BROWNING ISSUES

EASTER APPEAL

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NEW YORK (DPS, Apr. 14) -- The Episcopal Church continues to respond to the concerns of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and to the plight of all of the Palestinian people. Links between the Church in the United States and the Church in Jerusalem have grown closer as the confrontational situation between Israelis and the people of Gaza and the West Bank continues. Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning and the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity, President-Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, have formed a close bond of concern for the safety of all of the people of the region -- Christians, Muslims, and Jews.

The Presiding Bishop has expressed his continuing concern for the region and its people in a number of concrete ways. In March he sent an observer team to Jerusalem -- a team which included his wife, who had previously visited the region with him -- to assess the situation. The Good Friday Offering, traditionally given to the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, took on a special significance in light of the events in the area and the findings of the Presiding Bishop's observer team. In fact, the Presiding Bishop was so moved by conditions in the region that is so central to three of the world's great religions that he made a special appeal at Easter (text follows) through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief for the Diocese of Jerusalem and indicated his intention to continue to respond in an informed and constructive way to the problems of the region.

In his Jerusalem Appeal, Browning was especially firm in his resolve to help in a constructive and impartial way. "We cannot...allow ourselves to become judges of the situation. Rather we have to ask ourselves: what constructive role can the Christian community, notably the Episcopal Church, play in resolving this situation in a land which is part of our heritage as well?"

(Eds.: For more background on Middle East see DPS 88028, DPS 88064)

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Easter, 1988

Dear Friends in Christ:

Over the past months we have seen and read about the violent confrontations in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank. It is a tragic situation which goes beyond inter-religious tensions. Over one hundred people have been killed. Schools have been closed for over four months. Homes and farms have been destroyed in acts of rage. Day by day the tension and frustration mounts.

We cannot, however, allow ourselves to become judges of this situation. Rather we have to ask ourselves: What constructive role can the Christian community, notably the Episcopal Church, play in resolving this situation in a land which is a part of our heritage as well?

In an effort to explore this, I sent a team to the Middle East to examine the situation there and to report back to me. This they have now done. I want to share with you at this early date, some immediate responses, knowing that many details need to be worked out and that long range planning still needs to be done. But, the suffering is now and we must respond.

Following upon their report I have decided upon the following course of action for the Episcopal Church:

1. I have asked for a greater support of the Good Friday Offering. I urge every parish and diocese, if they have not already done so, to send this offering to the Church Center immediately.
2. I am launching a Special Appeal, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, for the Diocese of Jerusalem.
3. I have asked the staff at the Church Center to develop educational resources regarding the Middle East so that parishes may study this situation during the Easter season.
4. I am forming a committee of distinguished Episcopalians to advise me on issues in the region and appropriate, constructive responses to the complexities that prevent justice, peace and security for all people in the land we call "holy."



I invite you to become a part of this process. As a part of this, I am asking you to do three things.

First, I would like you to devote a part or all of this Easter Season to a study of this situation. I am asking all parishes in the Episcopal Church to involve themselves in this and I hope that you will become a part of the leadership in your parish that helps this to happen.

Second, I appeal to your generosity. Included in this mailing is a self-addressed envelope. I want you, either now or later in the Easter Season, to make a special and generous contribution to this Jerusalem Special Appeal through the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. I hope that your parish, and all other parishes in the Episcopal Church, will hold an ingathering for this Special Appeal on the Feast of Pentecost. I can think of no finer way of marking the birthday of the Church than to contribute generously to alleviating the tragic violence in its homeland.

The funds from this Appeal, received through July 31, will be disbursed by the Fund's Board of Directors to projects approved by the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt. Rev. Samir Kafity. The Fund has long supported creative humanitarian efforts in this part of the world. It has ministered to the needs of refugees in their camps. It has supported the healing ministries in many hospitals.

Third, I ask you to pray continually during the Easter Season for the peace of Jerusalem.

Details of our support to our sisters and brothers in the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem will be forthcoming from various sources. However, dear friends, I wanted you to be among the first to know of the direction that we are planning. Your response now will help bridge the time for a more substantive response later.

Thank you for your generosity. May God richly bless you at this holy time and always.

Faithfully,

Edmond L. Browning

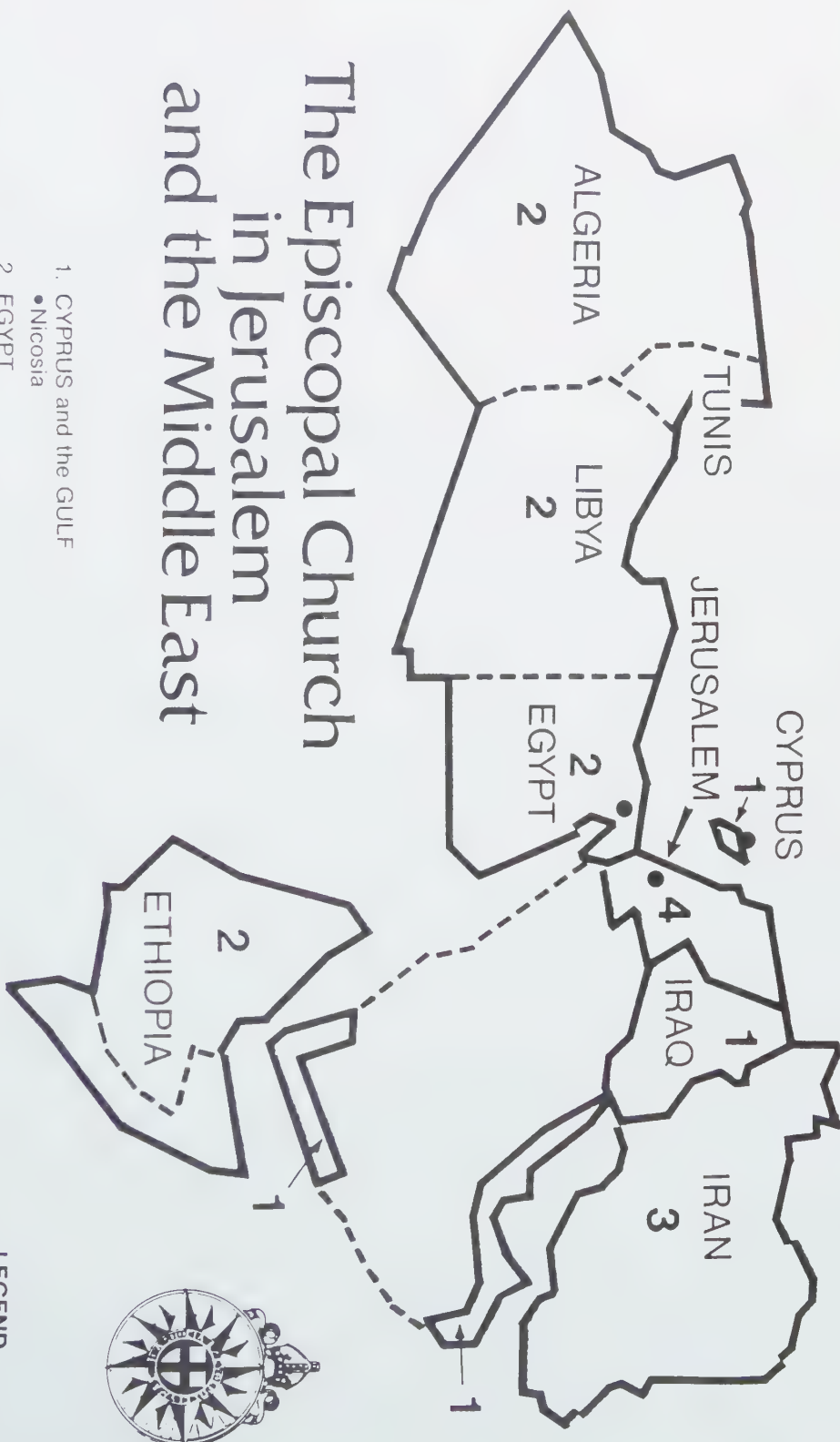
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# The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

1. CYPRUS and the GULF
  - Nicosia
2. EGYPT
  - Cairo
3. IRAN
4. JERUSALEM
  - (including Israel, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan)
  - Jerusalem







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BROWNING ISSUES

EASTER APPEAL

(88068) — Mrs. Patti Browning met a number of the students, Muslim and Christian, on a visit to the Boys Boarding Home in the Palestinian community of Ramallah. Mrs. Browning was a member of the five-person observer team the Presiding Bishop sent to the troubled communities in Gaza and the West Bank.

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MAP CAPTION

PROVINCE OF JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST

An updated version of the map originally enclosed in the DPS mailing of March 17, 1988.

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CRAIG CASEY, PENSION

FUND EXECUTIVE, DIES

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NEW YORK (DPS, Apr. 14) -- The Rev. Craig W. Casey, 52, executive vice president of Church Pension Fund and Affiliates, died April 9 of lung cancer at his home in Greenwich, Conn. Born in Los Angeles, Casey was raised in Memphis, Tenn. After graduation from the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., in 1958, he served as an officer in the United States Navy. In 1964 he graduated from General Theological Seminary and was ordained deacon and priest in the Diocese of Tennessee. Between 1964 and 1966 he served parishes in Tullahoma, Manchester, and Shelbyville, Tenn. From 1966 to 1969 he was assistant at St. Mark's Church in New Canaan, Conn., after which he attended Harvard Business School, receiving an MBA in 1971. The following year he joined the staff of the Church Pension Fund as assistant to the president, later becoming vice president of Church Hymnal Corporation and executive vice president of the Pension Fund.

Casey is survived by his parents, his wife, Margaret Williams Casey, and his three children.

Funeral services were held at Christ Church, Greenwich. The Church Pension Fund is holding a memorial service on Wednesday, April 27, at four in the afternoon in the Chapel of Christ the Lord, Episcopal Church Center, 815 Second Avenue, New York.

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NEW EPISCOPAL COLLEGE

FOUNDED IN CHICAGO

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GAMBIER, Ohio (DPS, Apr. 14) -- The board of directors of the Association of Episcopal Colleges, holding their annual meeting here at Kenyon College (Apr. 10-11), have welcomed a new member college to the Association. St. Augustine College in Chicago, an innovative, bilingual, two-year college which enrolls Hispanic students from 23 Latin American countries, has become the 10th member college of the consortium. The Rev. Carlos A. Plazas, founder-president of St. Augustine, was present at the meeting and received an official Association plaque on behalf of the college.

"St. Augustine is a natural addition to our consortium," said Dr. Linda A. Chisholm, president of the Association, "which in its diversity is a microcosm of our Church and the world. It adds another dimension -- the Hispanic connection which is such a vital part of the Episcopal Church in many parts of our country today -- to our already international/-intercultural group of colleges...."

Dr. Plazas, who founded St. Augustine in 1980, is very familiar with the problems and needs of Chicago's Hispanic community. He served ten years with the Spanish Episcopal Service of the Chicago diocese. St. Augustine, whose two-year program is fully accredited, provides quality education in technological and vocational career training in both Spanish and English. The concept of "transfer of learning," derived from Plazas' years of work, observation, and research, enables students to benefit from their educational experiences in their native countries, while they learn English and simultaneously train for their future careers. Because transition is the operative factor in St. Augustine's program, students there are able to progress through the curriculum, gradually adding English to the instruction in Spanish until, by the time they graduate, they have attained college-level proficiency in English.

The family of colleges with historic and present ties to the Episcopal Church which Chicago's St. Augustine has now joined also includes Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.; Cuttington College in Liberia;





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Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y.; Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio; St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va.; Trinity College in Quezon City, the Philippines; the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.; and Voorhees College in Denmark, S.C.

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CONVENTION TOOLS

(88071) -- Convention comes closer every day. These items will be of use to the press as they prepare for the events in Detroit. In response to many requests, we enclose camera-ready copy of the Convention logo. And as a reminder, a subscription form for the CONVENTION DAILY, one of the most vital tools for General Convention coverage.

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PICTURE CAPTION

(88072) -- On March 30, diocesan editors from around the country met at the Episcopal Church Center in New York to discuss plans for General Convention. This group of editors surrounds the Presiding Bishop who had discussed his views of Convention with them.

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